

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Thomas J. Lett
TAKURO MITA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Appln. No.: 10/760,296	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1290
Filed: January 21, 2004	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	
AND CONTROL METHOD FOR	:	
THE SAME	)	October 9, 2007

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents, together with English-language abstracts thereof, are enclosed.

The listed foreign documents were cited in an Office Action in a Japanese counterpart application. The listed U.S. patents are counterparts to the listed foreign documents.

### FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been issued in the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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